



A worthy mirror, wherein you may marke,
an excellent discourse of a breeding Larke:
By reading whereof, perceiue well you may,
what trust is in friends or in kinfolke to stay.

To the tune of Rogero,



A Larke some time did bzead,
wt hin a field of cozne:
And had increafe when as the grains
was ready to be thorne,
She wary of the time,
and carefull of her nest:
Debated wisely with her selfe,
what thing to do woe best.

For to abide the rage,
of cruel reapers hand:
For it was to perillous,
with safety for to stand.
And to dislodge her bzead,
vnable yet to flye:
Not knowing whether to remoue,
great harme might hap thereby.

Therefore she meant to stay,
till force constraind her flie:
And in the while for to prouide,
some other place as meete.
The better to prouide,
the purpose of her minde:
She would forthwith go seek abroad
and leaue her pong behinde.

But first she bad them all,
attend their Mothers will:
Which carefull was for to eschew,
each likely hood of ill.
This Cozne is ripe quoth she,
wherein we nestly dare: (barns
Eke which if heads pzeant not
might cause our moztall care.

Therefore to sence with skill,
the sequell of mishaps:
We will prouide some other place,
for feare of after claps.
Whilst I for this and sub,
am flouen hence away:
With heardsall eares attentive be,
what comers by do say.

Thus said, she bann'd her selfe,
vpon her longest toe:
And mounted vp into the sky,
still singing as she flew.
Anon she home returnd,
full fraught with choise of meate:
But loe a suddaine chance, hir birds
for feare could nothing eate.

Therewith agast she cryde,
what hce, what meaneth this:
I charge you on my blessing tell,
what thing hath chaunst amisse.
Is this the welcome home,
or thanks for sub I haue: (chere
You wanted were with chyrping
to gape before I gaue.

But now such qualmes oppzeffe,
your former quiet hinder:
That quite transform'd eam make
sorrowfulle soules I finde. (things
The prime and eldest bird,
thus cheert began to say:
Alas deere dame, such newes we herd
since you were flouen away

That were it not the trust,
that we repose in you:
Our liues were lost remediless,
we know it well enough.
The owner of the plot,
came hither with his sowne: (dow
And said to him this Cozne must
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The Larke that was the Dame,
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And after said, his friends quoth she
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Woe, friends are hard to finde,
true friendship shal appeare:
A man may misse to haue a friend,
that liues old Nestors yeares,
True Diamond and his friend,
long ere our time were dead:
It was in Grece a great way hence,
where such true lone was bzead.

Our countrey is too cold,
to foster by a friend:
Eke profe he made each one will fe
still yours vnto the end.
But trie in time of need,
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The second part of the breeding Larke.

To the same tune.

Therefore be of good cheere,
I caue your dulled spirits:
Erre't the care that caus'es thus,
breaines you of delights:
Let not turmied feare,
depprue your eyes of sleepe.
My selfe will be eare gill you still,
that safely will you keepe.

And sweare euen by the taste,
that growes upon my Cr. wne:
If al his trust be in his frends,
this corne shall not goe downe.
The young assured by her,
that such an oth old sweare:
Did passe the night in wonted sleepe,
and banish't former feare.

And when the morn'g light,
was fled from gladfome ray:
She had them wake and looke about
for he must goe her to ay.
And said I warrant you,
his frends will not come heare:
Yet not withstanding listen toot,
and tell me what you heare.

Anon the farmer came,
maged wel up mad:
And said who so dep. nds on frends,
his case is worse then bad.
I must go fetch my kin,
to help me wth this geare:
In things of greater waight then
their kindred shall appeare. (this

The Larkes their daine returnd:
informed her of all:
and how that he himselfe was gone:
his kindred for to call.
But when she heard of kin,
the laughing cryd amaine:
A pin for kin: a figge for frends,
yet kin the worst of th'waine.

This man himselfe is poore,
though wealthy kin he haue:
And kindred now adapes noth faile,
when need compells to craue.
So no he shall returne,
with ill contented minde:
His pains shal paye but losse of time
no comfort shall he finde.

They all are so ablet,
vnto their priuat gaine:
That if you lack powder to requite,
your suites are all in vaine.
My selfe am overcharg'd,
with harness as you sae:
And nearer to my skin then shirt,
thus shall their answer be.

Therefore as erst of frends,
so say I now of kin:
We shall receiue no hurt by this,
nor he no profit winne.
Yet listen once againe,
what now his refuge is:
For kindred shall be like to frends,
be wel assur'd of this.

I must goe forth by,
a nest I haue begun:
I will returne and bring you meat,
as soone as I haue done.
Then by the came the clay,
with such a lusty lay:
That it reioy'd her ponglings harts
as in their nest they lay.

And much they did commend,
their lusty mothers gate: (brought
And thought it long till time had
themselves to such a state.
Thus as their thimbling eyes,
were robing to and fro:
They saw whereas the farmer came
who was their mortall foe.

Who after due complaints,
thus said he in the end:
I will from henceforth trust my selfe
and not to kin or frends.
Who giues me glossing words,
and failes me at my need:
May in my pater noster be,
but neuer in my creed.

My selfe will haue it done,
tho it must needs be so:
For prooue hath taught me so much
to trust to any moe. (will
The birds that listening lay,
attentive to the same:
Informed their mother of the whole,
as soone as ere she came.

Pea Harry then quoth she,
the case now altered is:
We will no longer heere abide,
I alwaies feared this.
But out she got them all,
and trudge' alway aspace,
And through the Come she brought
vnto another place. (them al

God send her luck to scape,
the hanks and soulers ginner:
And me the day to haue no need,
of neither friend nor kin,

Finis.

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